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Faithful and True WITNESS TO THE LIGHT OF Jesus Christ, or Word of Faith WITHIN, in the Heart and Conscience.

Proving that God alwayes did, and doth reveal himself in it, and through it to the Sons and Daughters of Men, that they may believe, and be saved.

And that no People ever knew God or themselves in any Measure, in any Age or Generation, under any Dispensation or Ministration whatsoever, but in this Word of Faith, that through it they might believe and be saved.

Also a Postscript, in Answer to some base Lyes and Reflections cast upon me by *William Haworth*, an *Independent* Preacher.

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Light of Jeſus Chriſt, &c.

TO you all Profeſſors and People a Word of Exhortation, that you turn in your Minds to the Light of Jeſus Chriſt within, in your Conſciences, that with it you may ſee where you are, and find the true Way to Everlaſting Life, and do not call that natural in Oppoſition to the Light and Spirit of Chriſt, which revealeth to Man his Thoughts, and lets him ſee the Intents of his Heart, whether they be good or evil, and all that ever he doth; for no other Way can any Man come to the Knowledge of God, or of himſelf, but by this Means; neither did ever any Man know God, but by this Way, Chriſt, the Way, Truth and Life, who enlightneth every Man that cometh into the World; this was the Word of Faith in *Adam's* Heart, whereby he knew what God required of him in his Paradicial State, it was the Word of his Underſtanding and Belief, and in this there was Power to have preſerved him, if he had truſted, and ſtaid his Mind in it, and in it he had known no Evil, but in the Eternal Sence of the Love, Power and Wiſdom of the Creator he had been preſerved, but going from this he fell into Sin and Tranſgreſſion of the Mind of the Lord, and was aſhamed, becauſe that which he fell from, and turned from

the Counsel of, revealed unto him his Sin and his Nakedness, and then he would have hid himself to have escaped Shame and Condemnation; so that here was his Condemnation, the Light, and is the Condemnation of all in him, and with this Light all the Sons of the disobedient old *Adam* are found out, whether they be Professors or Prophane; and it is in vain for any to hide themselves under any Pretence or Profession of Religion whatsoever; for they will be found out, condemned, and be made ashamed, and their Nakedness will appear.

Oh all ye Professors and Prophane, consider and hearken to the Counsel of God in the Light, be wise-hearted, and learn in it first to know your Estate and Inward Condition, and also to know the Lord, the Seed of the Woman to bruise the Serpent's Head; for by this Principle he doth, and ever did speak to Mankind in general, even to their Hearts and Consciences; and it was the true Word of Faith in their Hearts, when God spake to *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*, and *Moses*, and the holy Prophets, who spoak forth the Scriptures as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; and in this Principle, the Light or Word of Faith, they received the holy Doctrine of God by this Infallible Spirit and Guide, raised up to open their Understandings by which they knew the Lord, and the Revelation of his Mind, what they were to speak or reveal to any People; it was the same in that Day, the Light of God, or Christ, the Word of true Faith; and if any would nicely distinguish, and say, it was the Light of God the Father or Creator, but not of Christ the Saviour and Redeemer; I answer; the Lord God made the World by the same Word that was in the Beginning with God, and was God, which Word became Flesh, in whom was Life, and the Life was the Light of Men; and so *God made all Things by him, and without him was nothing made that was made, and all Power in Heaven and Earth is given to him*, Mat. 28. 18. *And all Judgment*, Joh. 5. 22. Neither can there be Eternal Judgment without him, in the Hearts and Consciences of Men; therefore it is absurd to say, *It is not the spiritual saving Light of Jesus Christ, the Word or Son of God*; for if it be a Light that either judges or condemns for Sin within, or saves from it, then it is the Light of Christ, and no other, and therefore spiritual

ritual and saving, and powerful in the working, and a Manifestation of it to all that believe, because it is a Measure of and from the living God and his Eternal Powerful Word and Wisdom, and is piercing and searching within to discover unto Man his Sin, though never so secret, and with it and in it God tryes Mens Hearts and Reins, and God's Eternal Judgment is set up in it.

And therefore this is to check the Absurdity of that base Reflection cast upon it by many who profess to teach others the Way of God, who say, *It is a Natural Light, in Opposition to the Spiritual Light of Christ*; and herein they manifestly contradict their own Doctrine, who in Word preach for Doctrine and say, *Christ is all in all*, and confess, *That all Judgment is delivered to the Son*, and yet deny it again; and yet most of them confess *that to be true Judgment set up in the Hearts of Men and Women by this Light within*; and hereby they confess *People may read their Condemnation*, and that *it judges People for their inward Thoughts, Words and Deeds*, and yet they call this *Natural*, and cry down the Spirituality of it, as from Christ Jesus, and so derogate from their own Doctrine and Christ's Authority, who imagine another Judgment set up in the Heart and Conscience before Christ come by a Natural Light, and if so, then all Power and Judgment is not committed to the Son, neither is Christ as to Mans Salvation or Condemnation all in all; and therefore they are in the Dark, groping for the Light at Noon day, and put Natural for Spiritual; for the Light must needs be spiritual, which judgeth the spiritual Matters of a Man's Heart and Conscience, his secretest Thoughts of his Heart that ever he thought, his Affections and his Intentions, which are all Spiritual, or from a Man's Spirit, to be judged or discerned by no Natural Man or Natural Thing.

All will grant, *That no Man knows the particular Thoughts and Intents of another Man's Heart, as relating to Good or Evil, but by the Revelation of God's Spirit*; therefore it must needs be the Revelation of God's Spirit and Light within, that makes manifest to a Man his own inward Thoughts and spiritual Cogitations, that he may discern whether they be good or evil.

So this Light and Manifestation of the Spirit of God was alwayes

wayes the same in its Nature, it never changed nor ever will, but stood and stands a Witness for God in all Ages and Generations, to witness against the Evil in all Ages and Generations, and for the Good; and to every Dispensation and Ministrarion of God, that in whatsoever Time they lived, they might know how to chuse the Good, and refuse the Evil; and through this Inward Light *Abraham* knew the Voice of God that spake to him, and that it was the Voice of God, and that it was not a Delusion, when he was called out of his own Country, he had Power, waiting upon God in this Principle, to try the Spirits, and to discern the Voice and Teaching of the true Spirit of God, he had no other Teacher but the Lord in this Light; and God commanded him to offer up his Son *Isaac*, and he obeyed, and had Power so to do in this Light, so that the Word of his Faith was nigh him, even in his Heart and Mouth to obey the Precepts and Commands of God in it; so that Christ was then his Teacher, whom he believed in and obeyed, and was the Shepherd and Bishop of his Soul, whose Day in the Light he saw, and rejoyced; for God's Manifestations and Heavenly Operations were all then in and through Christ, and Salvation then was in him, and in no other, for God never revealed or wrought any Work without him; and the holy Men of God then were made holy by no other Power, but the Power of Christ revealed in the Light, so that by this Light and the Manifestation of the Spirit within, they knew how to distinguish betwixt the true and false Righteousness in all Ages, and the true and false Spirit, and what they both led and moved unto; and so the Holy Men reproved the Wicked in all Ages, and were God's faithful Witnesses, for they feared him, and waited upon him, and he poured forth of his Spirit upon them, and they received the Gift of it in all Ages, so far as God was pleased to make it manifest, and they were impowred with it to do the Lord's Will, and they were a spiritual People, and led by the Manifestation of the Spirit of God in their Wayes and Works, and there were spiritual *Jews* in measure, which worshipped God in the Spirit, and their Confidence was in God, and not in the Flesh, or in the Arm of it: *David* in measure knew God's Spirit and Power in that Dispensation, and it was the Lord that guided him and conducted him

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in his going out in his Name againſt *Goliah* without Sword or Spear; for he went out in the Faith and Strength of God, and prevailed, and he knew the Lord was with him, by the Word of his Faith, wherein God ſhewed him his great Authority and Power which he ſhould ſtand in, and overcome that *Goliah*; and the Spirit of God came upon many, and they did and ſuffered many wonderful Things, by the Help and Aſſiſtance of God in the Light, ſo that they were Witneſſes of the living God, and Power of Eternal Salvation, or of that Eternal Word that became Fleſh; ſo that in thoſe ancient Dayes what God revealed to his People or Prophets, it was in the Light within, and Principle we now direct People to; and never was there any Revelation or Diſpenſation of God, or Operation of his Power, but it was in his own Light, both before the Law, under the Law, and in this Day of his more ſpiritual Appearance; and in Chriſt was the Acceptation in all Ages, as People feared God, and wrought Righteouſneſs; ſo that they in their Day that worſhipped God in the Spirit, ſo far as God was pleaſed to reveal himſelf, and ſtrictly require of them, were accepted, and the diſobedient rejected; and the true Worſhippers among the *Jews* had their Acceptation in Chriſt, whereby they were impowered with a Meaſure of his Spirit, to offer their Hearts to God; and when at any Time they offered the Offerings required under that Diſpenſation with a perfect and true Heart, in the Fear and Love of God, they were accepted, becauſe they rightly and honeſtly obeyed the Lord in ſuch his Requirings, and ſuch grew into further inward Diſcoveries of the Subſtance, whenas on the contrary, they that were ſinful and hypocritical, though in the Letter and Form of that Worſhip, they might offer, and do the ſame Thing in Shew and Appearance, yet it was abominable, they not being the true People of God, but only made a Shew then of being ſo, & were then the hypocritical and falſe-hearted *Jews*, their Offering and Service not proceeding from a pure, but a polluted Mind and Heart, rejecting the Counſel of God in the Light or Word of Faith in their Hearts, which convinced them of Sin, and in which the Lord ſet before them Life and Death, which Counſel they rejected, and lived then in the bare Form of Godlineſs, but not in the Power; ſo

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in that ſinful Nature living, though in the Dayes of Chriſt the *Phariſees* flouriſhed exceedingly in the Profeſſion of that Diſpenſation of *Moſes*, according to the Letter or Form of it, that when Chriſt the Subſtance came, they oppoſed him, and ſo were made manifeſt to be of the Devil, *becauſe they loved their Evil Deeds, and hated the Light*; and in that Mind and State of ſinful inward Hypocriſie, they did as naturally oppoſe the Lord Jeſus in his Appearance in that Body at *Jeruſalem*, as they did that Manifeſtation of his Appearance in their own Conſciences, which convinced them of Sin, and called them out of it.

So they that fear'd God in the Dayes of *Moſes* were led within to the Subſtance of all thoſe Types and Shadows and outward Repreſentations whatſoever; and *by the Interpretation and Teaching of the Word of Faith in their Hearts, they were inſtructed in the Myſtery of Salvation it ſelf, the better Hope, the Power of God, and came to ſee what thoſe outward Shadows ſignified under the Law, and whereunto they ſerved*; as Chriſt ſaid to his Diſciples, after he had ſpoken forth Parables to the People, they inquiring the Meaning of the Parables, *To you* (ſaith he) *it is given to know the Myſteries of the Kingdom, but to others in Parables:* So to them under the Law, who feared God, and attended to the *Word of Faith within, to them it was given to know the true Meaning of thoſe Types; and what they ſignified and ſerved unto, and their true and right Uſe*; and they were his true People then, ſerving the Lord according to the Revelation of his Will under that Diſpenſation, and they were inwardly made *Holy by the inward Power of Chriſt, and were accepted there in their Holy and Evangelical Faith and Living, ſo far as the Lord was pleaſed to open that great Myſtery in them, and to them; for without Faith in Chriſt then, the Subſtance, who was to come in that bodily Appearance at* Jeruſalem, *it was as impoſſible to pleaſe God as now; and by that Faith they were ſav'd and accepted, for the bare Obſervance of the Letter of the Law made nothing Perfect.*

Now this is the Sum of what I have to ſay in this Matter, in all Ages and Generations the Lord hath afforded the Means of Salvation, even in the Dayes of the greateſt Ignorance that ever

ever was in the World, which he is said to wink at, yea, among the *Gentiles, that which might be known of God was manifest in them, for he shewed it unto them,* Rom. 1.19. even the Light of his Son Christ Jesus, that true Light which lighteth every Man that cometh into the World, which was the Cause of the Revelation of the Wrath of God from Heaven against all Ungodliness and Unrighteousness of Men, who held the Truth in Unrighteousness, *Rom.* 1.18. For the very *Gentiles were left without Excuse, because when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, &c.* Ver. 21. Here therefore is the Means to all Mankind in general, the Word of Faith in their Hearts, that they may believe and understand what God requires of them in their Day and Time; and they in all Ages that have feared God, and eschewed Evil, so far as they were convinced in their Hearts by this Principle of God's absolute Requirings, and joyned their Hearts to this Principle, trusting in it, and refusing the Evil, though they did not know the Name of it in such Clearness, as we do in this Day, yet in Measure they were Believers and Partakers of the Vertue of it, by Means whereof they received Strength, and were kept from Evil, and were God's Witnesses, and reproved the Wickedness of the Times they lived in, and in that they knew not so much of God as after-Generations had revealed unto them, yet they were accepted in their faithful Obedience to what they knew in their Days, and was necessarily required of them.

So that the Word of Faith was testified unto by *Moses* in his Day, *Deut.* 30. 11, 12, 13, 14. And it was the same Word of Faith which the Apostles preached, *Rom.* 10. 6, 7, 8, &c. And therefore it was the same in the Day of *Moses*, the Word of their Faith, that they might believe and obey the Lord's Commands; and in all Times, Ministrations and Dispensations it was the same, and it was God's Spiritual Witness in the Apostles Days, when they preached their Spiritual, Powerful and Heavenly Gospel, there was a Witness in Peoples Consciences, when they preached their Gospel (mark that), they had their Witness in every Man's Conscience, which evidenced and witnessed the Truth of the Apostles Doctrine, though they rejected it, and therefore with this Light they were condemned

for their Unbelief, and the Apostle was clear of their Blood, and of the Blood of all Men, because they would not hear or regard the Gospel preaching, though they were capacitated by this Word of Faith to have believed and obeyed it, but they whose Hearts did not believe to Righteousness, were such as loved their *Evil Deeds, and hated the Light, and it was their Condemnation.*

O the malicious Sottishness of some professed Preachers of that they call Gospel, who are notorious Wicked against the Truth, and in my hearing have called this blessed Light of Jesus, *Flesh*, and *altogether Darkness*; whither will not Malice transport People? so that what Blasphemy will they not utter, who hate the Lord's Christ, and his blessed Appearance?

Oh Rebellious Teachers, and Blind Leaders of the People, who drag the People into Mischief, instead of bringing them unto Christ, or turning them to his Light, that they may believe and be saved; the Hand of the Lord is against such *vain Babblers and filthy Teachers, who deny the Lord that bought them, and tread his precious Blood under their wicked Feet, and will neither enter themselves* (into the Gospel-Faith) *that they may be saved, nor suffer others to enter*, whom they can hinder: I speak this of such wicked shameless Zealots as have sold themselves to do wickedly, and are not ashamed in the Face of the whole World to oppose the Light within, in Malice and Hypocrisie, whatever it costs them; yea, they are as wicked as the worst of Christ's Enemies ever were, who cryed, *Away with him, Crucifie him, his Blood be upon us and our Children: with what Force have they endeavoured in like Manner to destroy the Truth, and quench the Spirit, Breath and Life of it.*

And it may be some of those in former Times were by this very Principle they so perfectly oppose, convinced of Sin, and then had some Sence of the Weight of their Iniquities upon them; and in that Day there might be some Tenderness wrought in them, and they might have Openings of Light and Truth, so far as to let them see there was a Necessity of separating from the Sin of the Times they lived in, and from their Wayes and Worships, and the Lord owned them as they feared him, and were an enquiring People after him then, and they had some of them

them Openings of further Discoveries at Hand, and glorious Times to come; and they would speak of the Teaching of the Spirit within, and a VVork within, and were a breathing People, and there was some Greenness amongst them, and they were in Measure hated and persecuted, and all this; and if they had had a Thousand Times more Experience of God, it was by and through this Light, and pure VVord of Faith, as God opened to them in it; but departing from this Inward Light and Teaching, and sitting down in the Form of that, which in some Degree they had had some Taste of, and not waiting in Tenderness, in that Light and Spirit which opened good Things unto them, and let them see that blessed Things were at Hand, to be revealed, and further Manifestations of God in Christ, they fell from their State, and departed from the Light and Spirit within, and lost their Strength to withstand the Enemy, and so he got Power over them, and in Heart they have backslided and in that State they have rebelled against the Lord and his Truth in their own Particulars, and found out a VVay to excuse themselves, by calling themselves *Believers* in a State of Sin, *and Christ dyed for them, and they are the Elect of God*, and the like, *and God imputes Christ's Righteousness to them, and sees no Sin in them, but looks upon them in Christ, though the Enemy bears the Rule, and possesses the Heart*; a meer Cheat, but if they had stood in God's heavenly Light and Counsel, he would by his Eternal Almighty Power soon have subdued Sin under them, and they would have witnessed *Christ in them, the Hope of Glory, greater then he that is in the World*, and have known the VVork of true Regeneration and Peace, and not have needed such vain Covers and Beggarly Shifts as now they are got into, and with the *Pharisees* say, *they see*, and yet their Sin remains in their Hearts, spiritually persecuting the dear Lord Jesus; yea, if they had kept to their first Integrity, and waited in the Light, they would have been able to have read God's pure living Dispensations with his People in this the Day of his pure Power; but it is hid from the Eyes of such who are at present wilfully beat, and set to oppose the Light. Here is Law and Gospel to be revealed spiritually in the Light, the Promise witnessed the promised Seed, the Power of God to Salvation, made manifest

the same, witnessed in this Light, that *doth kills and makes alive, the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, that makes free from the Law of Sin and Death.*

Oh blessed are they that believe in this Light, that they may be the Children of it, through the true Judgment that is in it, they will come to know the Mystery of Eternal Salvation, and rest with the Lamb for everm re.

But some perhaps will object and say, *Why did Christ Jesus say to his Disciples, he would send them the Comforter, if he went away from them in that bodily Appearance, which should convince the World of Sin, Righteousness and Judgment, if the Manifestation of the Spirit was already in the World, to convince them of Sin, Righteousness and Judgment, and to comfort true Believers:* I answer, surely none will or can deny, who profess *Christianity*, but the Apostles in some Measure before Christ's outward Departure from them, had the Comfort of the holy Spirit in them, and were both Believers and obedient Children in their Measure, when he sent them forth in his Name before his Departure, and they returned rejoycing, because the Devils were made subject, &c. to that living Authority they were sent forth in, and the World was also convinced of Sin, Righteousness and Judgment in Measure, before the Promise of this sending, and great pouring forth of the Spirit; but this was a fuller Ministration promised of Gospel-Glory, both for the further and fuller Convincement of the World, and also the fuller Revelation of this great Mystery to them, *Christ within the Hope of Glory*, for their exceeding great Satisfaction and Increase of that Comfort and Faith, which in some Measure they had before, and gifting and impowering them for that great Work whereunto they were appointed.

And therefore all the World may see, that are not wilfully blind, that it alwayes was, and is, and will be the same forever that reveals the Comfort of the Holy Ghost, to such as are true Believers in Christ Jesus, and also convinces the *World of Sin, Righteousness and Judgment*, the Principle is one, the Spirit of Truth, the Light, the Word of Faith, the same forever, in all Ages and Generations, according to its Manifestation, that all through it believing, and by the Means of it, may know the

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Lord and his Sufficiency forever; for by what Means do People come to see when they are tempted, or when Evil is presented in their Hearts, and a Consent of Heart is pressed unto by the Enemy, doth not this Light of Christ in the Heart immediately give them Warning? and by believing and hearkning to the Counsel of its Teaching, are they not preserved even in Heart from Consenting? and is not this an Act of true Faith, through the vertuous Blood of Jesus? and is not this the Presence of God's Power in Christ, made manifest in the Light, that gives *Ability to resist, and is greater in such to preserve out of Evil, then the Power of Darkness to prevail and lead into it. Oh that People would consider what belongs to their Peace, and know the great God near them with his Light within, the Ground both of their Sight and Strength, to let them see Evil in its first Appearance, and give them present Power and Help against it, and that all may be ashamed, who have lift up a Weapon against the Power and Sufficiency of its Teaching, and repent, is the true Desire of him, who is a Lover of true Righteousness,*

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A Postscript.

FOrasmuch as William Haworth, *an* Independent *Preacher, makes mention of my Name in his Reply to the Book written by* John Crook *and* William Bayly, *in Answer to his called,* The Quaker converted; *and it is there printed in his Epistle, That I called the Doctrine of Election a Devilish, Damnable and Blasphemous Doctrine, which is a most wicked and notorious Lye, from the Father of Lyes, which is the Devil, who hath got such Power and Hand in* William Haworth's *Heart, that he is grown desperate and Fool-hardy: But I affirm, that W. H. in the hearing of* Jeremy Swift *of* Hartford *and another Man in his Prison-Chamber there, we falling into Dispute about the Doctrine of Election and Reprobation, and I asking him in these Words,*

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Whether God ordained People to be wicked before they were born? answered, Yes, and did affirm it, which I might perhaps Justly call a Devilish, Damnable and Blasphemous Doctrine; and this I noted down in Writing, and afterwards writ a Paper and sent to the afore-named Jeremy Swift, one of the Members of his Church, so called, wherein was mentioned this wicked Doctrine, with other of the same kind, but that ever I said, the Doctrine of Election was a Damnable Doctrine, I utterly deny; and he knows in his own Conscience, he notoriously belyes me; for in all our Reasonings about such Things, I affirmed both the Doctrine of Election and Reprobation according to Scripture, but that God ordained People to be wicked before they were born; let him prove that damnable and wicked Doctrine, if he can, or else own himself to be a wicked Heathen and a Ranter; for if so, then God is the Author of all Wickedness.

Also he said, That I, with others of my Fellow-Prisoners, contended against Original Sin; *unto which I answer,*

That I always affirmed, that the Devil always was, and is the Original of Sin in Mankind, who obey him; it was always my Judgment, that Adam sinned by hearkning to the Devil, and disobeying the Counsel of the Lord; but how there can be any other kind of Sinning then through Unbelief and Disobedience to God's Law and Gospel, I know not, that is, how Innocents or Infants in the Womb of their Mothers, can sin, or be guilty of Sin, until they have transgressed the Law of God, and contracted Guilt by that Means, I understand not: Therefore this Doctrine of concluding Infants in the Womb Transgressors, before they have done Evil, either in Thought, Word or Work, is a cruel unnatural Doctrine; and he ought to prove his Charge of Evil or Sin against them, or else be ashamed, and change Innocents no longer, until they have done Evil; for Thousands and Ten Thousands by this Ungodly and Uncharitable Doctrine are condemned, who are Innocent.

Again, whereas he saith, how often did I hear this Man repeat in his Preaching, do this and Live, hereby insinuating, as if I pressed People to the Observance of Moses's Law only in the Letter for Life, and did not press unto the Obedience of Faith in Christ Jesus; *Unto which I answer,*

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That he never once heard me repeat so, but a lying Spirit hath possessed him, and from the Heart so possessed proceeds Lyes, but I always directed to Christ Jesus, the true Saviour, and his Light within, that through Faith in him, the true Light that lighteth every Man that cometh into the World, People might be saved, and be obedient to the Gospel of Peace, and come to witness the good Work of Regeneration, and enter God's Kingdom; but he told me, as several can witness, That though a Man was regenerate and born again, and so might enter God's Kingdom, yet this was not sufficient, *nay, he call'd this Work of Regeneration* Legal Righteousness, *and* a Man's own Righteousness; *but this is so abominable and wicked a Doctrine, that surely none but Hypocrites and Infidels will believe; It is such Nonsence, that greater was never uttered, that a Man should come into such a State, through Faith in Christ Jesus (without which it cannot be) as to be regenerate, and enter God's Kingdom, and yet this is not sufficient, then let him tell me what this Man entered into God's Kingdom, and so possessed of an Everlasting Inheritance in Christ Jesus, is further to do or believe for Sufficiency; is he not now a Possessor of the Everlasting Inheritance in Christ Jesus? Tell me what State is greater, and beyond this; nay, this (he said) was* Legal Righteousness; *what a Traytor is this Man to God and his Gospel, who hath seemed in Words and Profession thus far to hug and to love Christ and the Scriptures, and with his feigned Lips to betray him into the Hands of the vilest of Men, and call this his most blessed Work of Regeneration,* Legal Righteousness, and a Man's own Righteousness, *thus betraying his most blessed Image into the Hands of Sinners, to be trampled upon, and vilified, and abused, under the Name of* Legal Righteousness, and a Man's own Righteousness, *and* so as filthy Rags, *Isa. 64. 6. and so consequently, Christ to be no more a Saviour upon this Account, then the* Jews *accounted him, who only reckoned him the Carpenter's Son, and a Deceiver; for indeed, Man is meerly cheated of his Salvation, if this Work of Christ be no more but* Legal Righteousness, *and Christ's Coming by this Means is made of no more Sufficiency, then to bring forth* Legal Righteousness; *but this Man bears false Witness by his Lyes and Blasphemies, as any who are truly* Christians *may easily perceive. And as for his*

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saying, W. Penn told one of his Friends, that George Fox was as good a Propheras Isaiah. (I have spoken with W. P. and he saith, that he never made such a Comparison to any of his Friends, either directly or indirectly, to the best of his Knowledge) and that he telling me of it, I affirmed the same, which I do not well remember; but however, what Absurdity can there be in the Comparison, to compare a blessed Gospel-Minister with a blessed Prophet of the Lord; read Rom. 10. 15. where the Apostle quotes the Testimony of that blessed Prophet, Isa. 52. 7. How beautiful are the Feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring glad Tidings of good Things: but G. F. that blessed Minister of Jesus Christ preached, and yet preacheth the Gospel of Peace, and hath brought, and yet doth bring glad Tidings of good Things; and this though neither he, nor such as he can believe, yet we know it and affirm it, so that he hath been, and yet is a blessed Instrument in the Hand of the Lord. And at in one Part of his Book he saith, He asked me whether the Man Christ Jesus was in me, and that I should affirm he was; Unto which I answer, That I never knew any other Christ Jesus but one, the same Yesterday, to Day, and forever, who in the Scriptures is called the Son of Man, whom I witness to be in me in Measure by his Spirit and Power, my Saviour to take away my Sin, and preserve me from it, as I am kept in the true saving Faith of God's Elect; but if he would here insinuate, as if I should say, That that Body was in me, in which he then appeared; that is a gross Lye; neither do I believe he did believe I meant so, because he hath often heard from me to the contrary, how I always affirmed Christ's Spiritual Appearance in me, &c. So this in short, I have answered at present, to correct a lying Tongue, and to bear my Witness against an Anti-christian Teacher; for so he certainly is, and will appear to be still more by what he may bring forth, notwithstanding all his Pretences to Christianity, except he repent; and his Deceit and his Hypocrisie is sufficiently manifest to such as fear the Lord; and further I may decipher this Man in Answer to his next Appearance, if he be not yet satisfied; and it had never been thus publish'd from my Pen, if himself had not been the Cause of it; but I have more against him, than what I have here set down, at present am willing to write concerning him, except necessity requires.

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